Timeline for FY2027 WRAC Research & Outreach Projects
From the Development of Research Priority Statements to the
Selection of Full Proposals

2025

Summer
- Solicit from regional stakeholders identifiable Research Priority Areas

Fall
- Industry Advisory Council (IAC) biennial meeting, largely to compile priority suggestions into a short list
- IAC/Technical Committee (TC) meets to review priority listing and develop Problem Statements for submission to the WRAC Board of Directors (Board)

Winter
- Board meets to approve Priority Statements and finalize the Request for Pre-Proposals
- Admin Office (AO) prepares to distribute the Request for Pre-proposals

2026

Late Winter/Early Spring
- Pre-proposal deadline is set, RFP distributed, pre-proposals received by AO
- Executive Committee (EC) reviews Pre-proposals and recommends to Board

Spring
- Board meets in May to review the recommendations from the EC regarding Pre-proposals and determine invitations to submit Full Proposals
- AO notifies Pre-proposal authors of Board's decisions & instructs them regarding preparation and deadline for receipt of Full Proposals (generally in July)

Summer
- Prior to Full Proposal deadline, PIs provides potential external reviewers to AO, AO reviews for COI, and recruits appropriate external reviewers
- Full Proposals are due mid summer
- AO distributes Full Proposals for external peer review

Fall
- AO provides summary of external reviews to PI, requests a response letter
- AO forwards Full Proposals with compilation of external peer reviews and response letter from PI to the IAC/TC for review
- IAC/TC meets in October to review Full Proposals and make recommendations to the Board regarding project funding
- Board meets in November to act on IAC/TC recommendations for new and ongoing program funding

Winter
- Notifications sent to Lead PIs of Full Proposals

2027
Details regarding funding will follow selection of projects with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2027. However, USDA-NIFA funding delays can potentially effect project start times.